

House Resolution No. 4623

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to offer a sincere welcome to our esteemed visitors to the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, Bill Latimer, Shawn Baxley and Art Wood of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, have traveled to Johnson County, Missouri, this autumn season to participate in the grand hunting tradition associated with whitetail deer; and

Whereas, our Cajun friends have attained a notable milestone in their relationship to the state of Missouri, since this year's trip will be the tenth consecutive deer season in which they have hunted; and

Whereas, the Friday night before the opening of firearms season has become traditional and infamous for the creation of Cajun Jambalaya over the campfire for a group of intrepid and hungry souls; and

Whereas, the variable weather for which Missouri is justifiably famous has given our Cajun friends the opportunity to engage in this fine culinary tradition during freezing rain and snow with near falls into the campfire as well as beautiful, warm starlit evenings; and

Whereas, although our Cajun friends are serious hunters, it is well known that they place the most importance on the friendships and camping experiences which they garnered during the past decade; and

Whereas, our friends have had years of exceptional luck when each has taken deer and times when fortune did not smile on them at all and none shot a deer; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives expresses its desire that Bill Latimer, Shawn Baxley and Art Wood have a safe journey to and from Missouri and that all will fill their tags in the spirit of comradeship and sportsmanship as experienced outdoorsmen:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to welcome our friends from the great state of Louisiana to central Missouri to try their hand at deer hunting on Bristle Ridge for the tenth consecutive year and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for the successes they enjoyed and our best wishes for productive hunts and camp activities for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Bill Latimer, Shawn Baxley and Art Wood of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Offered by _____
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4623, adopted November 12, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker